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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 6, 2002, please amend the application as

follows:

In the claims:

Amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A method of [forwarding] <u>reducing</u> message[s] <u>traffic</u> among peripherals of an automatic call distributor, such method comprising the steps of:

forming a message table in a first peripheral of the automatic call distributor; and forwarding a message from the first peripheral to a second peripheral of the automatic call distributor based upon a content of the message table.